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1. On 31 July 1953, a delegation of East German engineers was in Warsaw for conferences on the Konin (P 53/O 18) Soft Coal Combine project. After paying a visit to Mrs. Aenne Kundermann, East German Ambassador to Poland, the delegation was received by Handelsrat (member of a board of trade) Kundermann (fnu), the ambassador's husband, at the Consulate Board of Trade located at 6 Litewska.
2. Kundermann, although well informed about the Konin Soft Coal Combine project referred to it only briefly and urged the German delegation to prolong their visit to Warsaw for preparatory conferences on Polish-German trade agreements signed by the Polish and German State Planning Commissions. He stated that these agreements were of great interest to East Germany and were not reparation orders but orders for a barter agreement for which the Poles would pay with coal to be supplied chiefly to the Wismut-A.G. He mentioned as projecting orders accepted by East Germany a number of plants including a power plant at Hirschfelde (O 51/G 08), a hydro power plant at Bernsdorf utilizing water from the Neisse and Wittig rivers, an energy work (power plant) at Oswiecim (Auschwitz) (Q 51/Y 74), two chemical combines, one at Dwory-Oswiecim (Q 51/Y 74) and one at Konin-Klodawa (P 53/O 18), and open cut soft coal mines at Tuerchau (Turow) (O 51/G 08).
3. Kundermann also mentioned the project of an Oder-Danube canal, of which the first part from Moravska Ostrava to Ratibor had already been initiated. He said that this construction project was complicated, inasmuch as the canal, leading through a secondary chain of mountains would require locks and ship elevators.

1. Comment. The correct spelling of Bernsdorf is Berzdorf.

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